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SUBJECT: ATEST PROBLEM WITH RAMPHUL

REF: USUN 4825

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT IT IS A MATTER OF SOME IMPORT-
ANCE THAT RAMGOOLAM BE MADE AWARE OF OUR DISPLEASURE
ABOUT HIS PERMREP'S CONTINUING ANTI-US ACTIVITIES IN THE
UN, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF MAURITIAN ACCESSION TO
SECURITY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES IN EARLY 1977. THERE-
FORE YOU SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE RE-
PRESENTATIONS TO RAMGOOLAM ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED
REFTEL. IN PARTICULAR, YOU MIGHT ASK RAMGOOLAM WHETHER
HE REALLY WISHES TO HAVE RAMPHUL'S ANTI-US POSTURING
PRESENTED AS REPRESENTING THE GOM'S VIEW OF THE UNITED
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STATES, PARTICULARLY BEGINNING JANUARY 1977 IN THE

SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF RAMGOOLAM'S NEED TO PROTECT HIS LEFT FLANK IN ANTICIPATION OF ELECTIONS, AND CONSEQUENT POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH AN APPROACH MIGHT BE MADE PUBLIC AND LINKED WITH DIEGO GARCIA AND CHARGES OF CIA MEDDLING IN A BROADSIDE OF ANTI-US ELECTION RHETORIC.

WE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE THAT UNLESS YOU FEEL THIS RISK IS PROHIBITIVELY GREAT THE APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE ASAP IN MANNER WHICH MINIMIZES RISK. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOUR UK COLLEAGUE SINCE WE UNDERSTAND UK MISSION TO UN RECOMMENDED TO FCO THAT UK AMBASSADOR IN PORT LOUIS SPEAK TO RANGOOLAM ABOUT RAMPHUL.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF RAMGOOLAM WERE MADE AWARE, PREFEREABLY BY OTHERS, OF OCTOBER 31 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON RAMPHUL'S ROLE IN TRANSKEI UNGA NOTE. IF UNAVAILABLE IN HERALD TRIBUNE, WE WILL REPEAT ARTICLE UPON YOUR REQUEST.

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